Middle School Good Times

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VALENTINES DAY

by swintz and boucher

If you ask us, Valentines Day is one of our favorite holidays. It's the day when couples and friends can show their love for each other. It's a time for getting and giving teddy bears, candy, sweet kisses and sweet, might-make-girls- cry cards.

One of us was also born close to Valentines Day. So, that makes it mean a lot more too.

What we really like is watching little sisters or brothers or cousins scramble around making sure the "icky boy" got the most non-sentimental valentine or their crush would get the best one. Then they practice saying, "Well, I just grabbed one and besides, I gave a lot of guys that one." :)

Happy Valentine's Day everyone.

VOLLEYBALL UNDERWAY...

by j. motter

The 8th grade girls A team includes Andrea Selent, Kelly Veley, Cara Garland, Cara Arrans, Jessica Mendenhall, Lindsay Fry-Schallhorn, Christine Cashen, Emily Merz, Courtney Kuntz, Sara Conner and Kim Van Sickle.

The B team for 8th grade includes Gina Barkovich, Crystal Golland, Casey Hentchel, Katie Stamm, Desiree Kern, Miranda Kalisiak, Lisa Dusseljee, Ty Ruiz, Rachel Cubbison, Jenny Swintz, Kelly Hover, Amy Pickens, and Frances Clare.

The season, coached by Ms. Colegrove, is well underway at this point.

WRESTLERS WIN FIRST MATCH

by j. motter

The wrestling team challenged Mattawan at home, winning the meet without Mattawan even winning a single match. All the Paw Paw wrestlers pinned their match except Joe Motter who won 8-6.

The team includes Robby Coyer, Justin O'Flynn, Paul Sinkler, Josh Hauch, Robert Humphrey, Alan Rhoderick, Jay Corey, Ryan Rife, Tim Van Horn, Tim Taylor, Brian Evans and Joe Motter

BAND CONCERT FEBRUARY 25

The concert, at 7:30 in the old middle school auditorium, will feature songs the bands will perform at festival in March..

DANCE FEBRUARY 19...BE THERE!

Yup, next Friday is the next dance...and this one is sponsored by the Band Boosters. Usual time, usual price and usual rules apply.

CONFERENCES TONIGHT from 5- 8 in the gym and **OPEN HOUSE**

NEW SCHOOL PRIDE

by mz

With the recent move to this building, we have gained many advantages over the old building. First, the advantages : we have a beautiful new gym for indoor sports and PE. We have gone from having the worst gym in Michigan to one of the best middle school gyms. Second, we now have a spacious cafeteria. This new cafeteria dwarfs the old one by comparison. Third, we now have more choices for our lunch. With the snack bar, we have a wide variety of snacks to choose from. Fourth, we will have a computer lab. With the lab we will have many new computers at our disposal. Last, the specials classes each have beautiful new items. The life skills room has brand new ovens and microwaves.

With all these advantages, it's hard to note any disadvantages. One of them is that , on average, the classrooms have decreased in size. This is not a big deal for most teachers but for some teachers, like Mr. Edinger and Mrs. A. Smith, it means going from a huge classroom to a normal-sized one. The other disadvantage is that we moved in and the roof wasn't finished so after the Storm of '99, some classrooms were leaking water from the windows or their ceilings.

In our new building, the advantages do heavily outweigh the disadvantages. We should be very happy to have gone from the oldest building in the district to a nicely renovated school. And we are.

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SHOULD THE SENATE VOTE TO REMOVE THE PRESIDENT?

Our unofficial findings reveal that 120of you felt yes they should while 70 thought not.

Here are some of your reasons for removing him from office:

"Think of the example he sets for kids." "Can you say 'player'?" "Hey, he lied." "What he did was wrong." "If someon is married they shouldn't be having affairs." "He has immoral family values." "It's not just that he had affairs; he lied under oath."

On the NO side (leave him in office) were these statements:

"He doesn't have much longer; let him finish the term." "His love

life is his own business."
IF someon normal did that they wouldn't lose their job." " The question shouldn't have been asked. It was none of congress' business."
"If you were asked about your sex life in front of the country and had a wife and daughter, what would you have said?"
SO what do you think now?
WHICH OF THESE ARTISTS DO **YOU FIND THE MOST ANNOYING?**

The vote is definitely in on that question . Hanson topped the list two to one.

The next most annoying group/singer was Aqua followed by Mariah Carey. Mya and Back Street Boys were tied for fourth place. Next were Spice Girls, Britiny Spears, N'Sync, Manson, Puffy and Creed.

Why? Shanna Gave says, "Hanson looks like girls." Aaron Avery said, "Spice Girls. Their music is NOT good." Wendy Weston said. "Britney Spears .. they play her song over and over on 103.3" Amanda Sumner said, "The Barbie Girl songby Aqua is stupid. IT tells teenage girls to be pretty and skinngy which leads to anorexia and bulemia."

"Two words: Baby baby" said Ramsey Beyer referring to Britney Spears. Kelly Hover thought "Hanson has squeaky voices." Josh Frazier said."One word. MM BOP." Tonya Altizer dislikes Manson." He is so gross and disgusting."

Paul Bauer didn't like any of them because "Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix Rock!"
WHY WILL YOU SAY NO TO **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL?**

The following is one student's reply.

Fifth grade. That's when I decided to get some new friends. I'm not saying who though. One kid I sat with on the bus. We always talked about video games, girls and everything a normal kid would talk about. Then one of his friends sat next to me and him...

He was wearing a black leather jacket , unzipped, revealing his Metallica shirt. They started whispering to each other and looking at me. They said to meet them behind the gym during recess. At the time, I didn't know what they wanted . so I met them. A third kid was standing with them. I asked them what they wanted. He handed me a cigerette.

My mom used to tell me to say "no" and all that good stuff. But I freaked out. Instead, I took it and put it in my coat pocket. At lunch I zipped into the bathroom and flushed it down the "w.c." Ever since then, I have never touched them because I know they can ruin lives.
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE
..that could happen?...Characters:
Mrs. Rosenberg, mom
Mrs. Thomenson, teacher
Little Billy, student

Script by Holly Harvey
Mrs. T.- Welcome , Mrs. Rosenberg. Please have a seat.
Mrs. R.: Thank you.
Mrs. T.: Well, Billy has not been accomplishing much lately.
Mrs. R.: I will have to have a talk with him.
Mrs. T.: So far, he is receiving an "F+, or 50%".
Mrs. R.: Whoo. Yeehaw, Woopee and Whoa. That's the best he's done all year. Hey! You want to get a burger and a coke. It's on me.
Mrs. T.: Surely.
LATER ON .. After the lights go out, Billy is still waiting . He hears noises that scare him.
Little Billy: Mom, mom. Mom! Where are you? Man, I wish I had a burger and a coke.

HOT DOGS, HOT DOGS! DON'T GET YOUR HOT DOGS.

by h. harvey

A condition called listeriosis has received a lot of attention in the news recently.

What is listeria? It's a small one-celled organism that is found in nature, carried normally by many different animals. It can survive heating, freezing and drying that usually kills other bacteria.

How do you get it? It's found in all types of food, even vegetables, although uncooked meats and diary products are usually the link.

Proper washing and cooking of vegetables will usually make them safe. Processed meats are the most risky...since they are "ready to eat".

Symptoms of listeria include fever , aching muscles, vomiting, diarrhea as well as headaches and stiff necks. Convulsions indicate infection in the brain. Caught soon enough, antibiotics can cure it.

To stay safe, cook all meat thoroughly. Don't drink unpasteurized milk and wash everything in the preparation of food...including your hands in hot water and soap. Use a meat thermometer to see that it's cooked to 170 degrees.

NEED MORE INFO ON LISTERIA and the whole hot dog problem?

Here are the phone numbers: THORN APPLE VALLEY: 800- 839-2427. OSCAR MEYER 800- 433-9362. Also check WWMT-News/recall.htm on the internet for more info.

And eat more peanut butter sandwiches.

by r. m.

LAME PICK-UP LINES..

1. Don't I know you?
2. Do fries come with that shake?
3. Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by again?
4. Are you tired? Because you have been running through my mind.
5. Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?
6. I don't know which is the best zodiac sign but I'm guessing it's yours.

OXYMORONS...

Act naturally same difference
found missing legal ethics

resident alien	almost exactly
genuine imitation	silent scream
airline food	new classic
good grief	soft rock

VALENTINES DAY >>>WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

by m. roberts (with a little help from her encyclopedia) -

There are three main stories that writers have traced back on how Valentines Day became.

One main one came from the Roman festival "Lupercalia" which was held on the 15th of February. Men struck people with animal hide to protect them from wolves. Women mostly took the beating because they thought it made them more fertile. Many writers linked this to Valentines Day because of the close date and the connection with Fertility..

Another main story came from the Christian church ...the idea that at least two saints named Valentine. The emperor forbid young men to marry because he thought they would make better soldiers. But a priest named Valentine disagreed and married young couples secretly.

The last main story talks about how birds chose their mates on Valentines Day.

And those are the three main stories I could find.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: From your friends and admirers..

Abby Anderson,

I want to go out with you really bad. You're really cute.

love, your secret admirer

To Derrick Mitchell,

You are very hot! Will you go out with me?

love sincerely,

secret admirer.. clue H...(.something torn off on the paper)

Dear Tom,

You are the cutest boy in the world. Will you go out with me?

Love,

an admirer

To Nick Leathers:

Hi I can't tell you my name but you are really nice to me and I want to know it you will be my valentine and if you will go out with me?

from?

To all my friends and a special someone:

Happy V. Day

from Emily Miller

p.s. special someone, you're a very special person

Dear Matt Wolownik,

Hope you have a wonderful, fabulous, great , fantastic terrific Valentines Day!

from a friend

Dear Eric Boff,

Hope you have a great Valentines Day!

from a friend

To Holly Harvey

Love : Kenny Whitt

Dear Sean Salefske,
We want to wish you a happy Valentines Day!
From two girls that like you

I love you , Leslie.

Ashley Schinske,
You are my special valentine.
Love,
?????
Valentine for Ashley Sparks, Ty Ruiz, Crystal Newton, Brandie Nash and Nicole Boucher
love,
Gina Barkovich

I want to confess a true love..his name is Chris St.John. I love ya, Chrissy poopoo.
love,
Puffy Poopoo

Dear Kiel,
Wish on a wishing well,
Wish on a shooting star
Blowing out a cake's candles has not worked so far.
I love you.
D.S.

Dear Neal,
You're the coolest brother in town.
your sister K.S.
Dearest Brian,
Riding in a sleigh one Christmas day,
I wished for you a Christmas gift.
P.S. make it come true.
love , Daniell

Alan,
Hi but I can't tell you my name.. youare nice-looking and when this girl told that I like you, it was true.
secret admirer

Happy Valentines Day to my buds, Desi. Allie, Nicole, Brandie, Wendy, Nicole, Meghan, Kate and last but not least Rachel.
From Stacy

To our Mand M man.
Happy Valentines Day , Mr. Zolp!
2 good 2 be 4 gotten!
Kelly M,
Be my valentine.
???
To Carson L.
From Jenny G.
Hii Caaarson.
Oscar,
love you
Froggy Boy

TEN THINGS GIRLS WANT FOR VALENTINES DAY by f.clare
1. To have you sing a song to them in front of the whole school
2. a poem
3. to have a guy go to a chickflick
4. jewelry
5. teddy bear
6. roses
7. ring pop
8. candy
9. picture of the two of you
10. Valentines card

HERE IT IS: THE SURVEY YOU ALMOST ALL FILLED OUT!!! about our new school...
Let's start with the possible changes, suggestions, ideas, dumb and otherwise.... comments...
WHAT do you think we could CHANGE in the new school to fit all our needs?

Kelsey Newman said, "We should put bathrooms in every grade's hallway." Ashley Hillard and Jessica Mendenhall echoed several when they said, "We need an auditorium." Bob Lasinski wants more "half days." Keith Rigoni wants to see " the library's history books improved. There is a poor selection and the reading levels are Cedar Street."

Kristen VanLoon , Fran Clare, and lots of others mentioned the leaking roof...and hoped for it to be fixed. Gina Barkovich thinks we need " a swimming pool and change the markers from Expo to something less smelly." Beth Simpson wants to see "open courtyard with lunch benches...and we need bells. " Danielle Small also mentioned getting bells.

Lisa Jempty agreed with Gina (see above) about an indoor pool for phys. ed . Megan Danielson thinks " we need new desks." Adam Bielang wants " a new ladder and ropes in the gym and soccer goal posts."

Chelsea Begnoche wants " some sort of playground and more activities for 6th graders." Phil Cruz also mentioned playground equipment .. basktball courts, soccer nets and volleyball nets."
And as Amanda Baxter put it, " we need an actual playground."

Erin Woodward said, " 7th and 8th grade rooms should be as big as the 6th grade ones." Shaun Wendell wants "a quiet bell to let us know when class changes."

Crystal Golland and Katie Swigart both want to see doors on the bathroom entrance. Erin Boff wants " to go into the courtyard for activities." "Access to the courtyard" was on Kevin Garceau's list too. Josh HArman even wants to be able to cut through it from front to back.

Cecil Newman wants" longer time between classes so we would have more time to get to our classes." Sara Merker wishes " the office were in the middle of the school. It's a pain to walk there especially if you're wearing heels."

Rachel Martin wants " to plant flowers in the courtyard in spring. Maybe we could have turtles like the high schoolers did in there in the summer." Ben Whisler wants " padded seats!" Kate Arnold said."Get rid of the mice with live traps...Put up a large map of the school right on the wall."

Bryan Stull said," Paint all of the blue to red." Merry Roberts wants a better heating system." and in the heating references she was not alone. Christopher Miner "would like to be able to use the science lab."

Rachel Krefman wants to see" more vegetarian meals besides salad. More salad dressing selections like Greek and Italian and fat free French." Miranda Kalisiak wishes the office people were nicer and lunch were better." Gina Conway would like to be able to "stay after and clean our lockers if they need it."

Jared Jewell would like to see" longer lunch hours, recessess and breaks." Alex Valez wants " ping pong table for open gym." Bret Beebe wants to see" fences out by the river...and basketball hoops." Josh Hall would like to see" lunch hour for 8th grade a little earlier." Mallory J.J. Hanson would like "A big sign at all of the hallways that says "6th. 7th , 8th or specials hall way."

John Rushing said," Change the colors... they're too fruity... and the locker colors too. 6th grade, blue, 7th grade black and 8th grade white." Chris Nagel wants "better chairs , more time and a snowboard team."

HOWEVER... MOST OF YOU really like the new school and said as Brandon Cronenwett, Megan Schultz, Pamela Burns, and Cody Bowers..."Nothing.. it's almost perfect." Adam Flink said," there's nothing the school could change to make it better." Nicole Davis agreed. "I don't think we should change anything because all of the new stuff fits our needs."

NOW FOR THE APPLAUSE!!!!!!! WOW! WE LOVE IT! Here's what you said when asked what you liked about the new school.

Alan Rhoderick and Tim Taylor both mentioned " the new gym.. we now have one of the nicest gyms around." Casey Hentchel noted " the school has so much more color." Stacy Wood had dozens agreeing with her "I like how the lockers actually open! I also love not having any bells and having our own hall."

Steve Fleckenstein notes" The building will support the handicapped; I mean it has only one floor." Ty Ruiz said, " I like all the new things... It feels more like being at home than at school."

Shawna Mount likes the "automatic hand dryers... the big lunchroom and the pop machine." Glazed Donut aka Neal Conway said, " It's like a space station!" (Several of you compared it to Disney World and Epcot.) Nicole Boucher loves the playground "because the river is by it and it is very pretty."

Hoagy Mitchell aka Ryan Thyfault said." I love my school! I have pride in Paw Paw ! Yeah!" Robert Mengel said,"At least it has heat and at least it's warm."

Kaitlyn Gokey said,"Big...everything!" Andy Heintz likes "the band room." Emily Peacock said, " I like how each grade has its own hall way and it's so much easier to get around."

Billy Stoughton likes " that it is quieter and you can concentrate better.." Kate Bogen mentioned the cafeteria and "it's so big and it has a snack bar and round tables."

Alexis Bartoletti likes " the bridge work and the river because it shows that we bridged from elementary to middle school." Paul Pagano likes" the new specials classrooms because they're designed for the class." David Bowman agreed with him and likes the new size.

Breanne Hart loves " the new lockers. I was fed up with the old ones." Kelly Martin likes" how all the classes are right next to each other." Ramsey Beyer noted," The bathrooms are clean!" Brian Johnson said," I like the huge cafeteria and the new gym is great."

Adam Goldberg said, "It's awesome because we have new lockers and a new gym that is better than the gym at the high school." Billy Hughes likes that "the pipes are new and they aren't always making noise and distracting."

Bridget Holcomb likes "that it is more convenient than going up and down stairs to get to your locker." Jon DeCou likes" a larger gym and we needed bleachers." Matt McDaid was really speaking for many when he said," I love the snack bar." Lyle Francisco likes " wider halls and traffic flowing better." Gordy Roscoe appreciates "the cold water."

Paige Sandlin likes" the hamburger lights in the cafeteria because it fits the atmosphere." Alex Stull likes "the classrooms being lighter and brighter." Ashley Surdy said ,"The cafeteria has more room to eat and to socialize with friends."

Christie Booth and Kelly Sylvester both like" there are no bells..it nice not to have to panic if a teacher lets you out late." Brandie Nash pretty much said it for all of the students who replied to the survey. "I like it because it's cleaner, newer and it's really nice. ..a lot nicer than our old school."

Use this code to figure out the answer.♥

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

What is one of the things known for Valentines Day?

3, 21, 16, 9, 4 =

Also . . .

8, 1, 16, 16, 25

22, 1, 12, 5, 14, 20, 9, 14, 5, 19

4, 1, 25

A. Newlin♥

L O V E Q R T H A J U
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Z K M O P P Z G J I I
Y C N Z K L M N O E N
H E A R T Q U I P D E

Heart Candy Cupid Sweetie
Love Pink Cutie
Valentine Arrows Red

by L. P.